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SUBJ: RECENT AND FORTHCOMING DEVELOPMENTS RE UGT AND USO

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BEGIN SUMMARY: ACTIVITIES OF BOTH ILLEGAL SPANISH SOCIALIST UGT

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AND CATHOLIC-ORIENTED USO, INCLUDE A) FORTHCOMING VISITS

TO SPAIN BY IG METALL'S LODERER, BY FRENCH CFDT, BY GERMAN DGB,
AND POSSIBLY BY AMERICAN UAW'S WOODCOCK; B)
ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK OF UGT DELEGATION AT MEETING IN LONDON
WITH TUC MEMBERS, WHERE UGT IS GOING TO PROTEST TUC'S
BIAS TOWARDS COMMUNIST-DOMINATED SPANISH WORKERS COMMISSIONS
(SWC); C) SIGNIFICANT MEETING OF TWO USO LEADERS WITH
SYNDICAL MINISTER AND SSO CHIEF MARTIN VILLA; AND D)
CLEVER MANEUVER BY UGT TO SIDETRACK SWC APPLICATION FOR
ENTRY INTO ETUC. END SUMMARY.

1. SOCIALIST UGT LEADER PABLO CASTELLANO TOLD EMBOFF SEVERAL
FOREIGN TRADE UNION VISITS TO SPAIN ARE EXPECTED SOON, I.E.
A) IG METALL PRES EUGEN LODERER ACCCOMPANIED BY IMF SECGEN
HERMAN REBMAN (REF A) ON FEB 5-7; B) FRENCH CFDT DELEGATION
IN EARLY FEB; C) GERMAN DGB DELEGATION (POSSIBLY LED BY DGB PRES
VETTER). MOST PROBABLY IN MARCH; AND SURPRISINGLY, D) AMERICAN UAW
PRES LEONARD WOODCOCK AT AN AS YET UNSPECIFIED DATE (CASTELLANO
SAID IMF'S REBMAN HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN PERSUADING
WOODCOCK OF DESIRABILITY OF VISITING SPAIN, AND THAT UGT, AT
REBMAN'S URGING, HAD RECENTLY SENT WOODCOCK FORMAL INVITATION).

2. CASTELLANO SAID HE IS LEADING 3-MAN UGT EXEC COMMITTEE
DELEGATION TO LONDON FEB 1 TO MEET WITH SOME MEMBERS OF
BRITISH TUC EXEC COMMITTEE. THIS MEETING WAS SPECIALLY
REQUESTED BY UGT, AND CASTELLANO EXPECTS IT WILL RESULT IN
OPEN UGT CONFRONTATION WITH TUC OVER LATTER'S SPANISH POLICIES.
SPECIFICALLY, UGT WILL STRONGLY PROTEST TUC'S OPEN
PARTIALITY TO PCE-DOMINATED SPANISH WORKERS COMMISSIONS (SWC)
AT EXPENSE THEIR FELLOW SPANISH SOCIALIST UGT TRADE UNIONISTS.
UGT IS PARTICULARLY ANGERED BY TWO THINGS: A) THE SUPPORT
WHICH TUC IS GIVING FOR APPLICATION OF SWC FOR ETUC ENTRY;
AND B) REPORTS THAT SEVERAL PROMINENT TUC LEADERS,
INCLUDING HUGH SCANLON, JACK JONES, AND KEN GILL, HAVE
BEEN INVOLVED IN SPONSORING A SCHEDULED MID-FEBRUARY
CONFERENCE ON SPAIN IN LONDON, WHICH BRITISH ORGANIZERS
REPORTEDLY HAVE INVITED LEADING SPANISH COMMUNIST SWC LEADERS MARCE
LINO CAMACHO AND NICOLAS SARTORIUS TO ADDRESS.
CASTELLANO LAMENTED THAT TUC FAVORITISM FOR SWC HAD INCREASED
SUBSTANTIALLY AS RESULT OF ESTABLISHMENT A YEAR AGO OF AN
SWC PERMANENT OFFICE IN LONDON BY SPANISH COMMUNIST
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VICENTE LLAMAZARES, AND HE COMPLAINED THAT UGT COULD NOT
EVEN FINANCIALLY AFFORD TO OPEN ANY OFFICE OF ITS OWN IN
LONDON AND THAT TUC, UNLIKE SOCIALIST TRADE UNIONS IN FRANCE
AND GERMANY, HAD NEVER OFFERED UGT OFFICE SPACE OR OTHER
FACILITIES IN BRITAIN.

3. CATHOLIC-ORIENTED USO HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVE. IN ADDITION
TO RECENT PARIS PRESS CONFERENCE BY YOUNG USO SECGEN, BILBAO

WORKER JOSE MARIA ZUBIAUR (REF B), USO LAST WEEK CAUSED MINOR SENSATION AFTER PRESS REPORTED TWO USO REPS HAD DINNER WITH NEW AND MORE LIBERAL CHIEF OF GOVT-CONTROLLED SSO, THE SYNDICAL MINISTER MARTIN VILLA. USO EXEC COMMITTEE MEMBER AGAPITO RAMOS TOLD EMBOFF MEETING WAS AT INITIATIVE OF MARTIN VILLA, AND USO ACCEPTED INVITATION MAINLY OUT OF CURIOSITY. MINISTER ASKED FOR A TRUCE ON STRIKE AND LABOR FRONT AND ASKED USO FOR IDEAS ON SSO REFORM, BUT USO REJECTED ANY TRUCE AND TOLD MARTIN VILLA MERE REFORM OF SSO WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT AND THAT COMPLETE TRADE UNION FREEDOMS WERE NECESSARY. ON OTHER HAND, UGT'S CASTELLANO SAID UGT HAS NOT MET WITH ANY SSO LEADERS, DESPITE SSO OVETURES, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT EXCLUDE THIS POSSIBILITY IF CONDITIONS CHANGED.

4. CASTELLANO CONFIRMED USO'S APPLICATION FOR ETUC ENTRY CONTINUES BE BLOCKED BY UGT. CASTELLANO ALSO SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY ABLE TO RECENTLY SIDETRACK SWC EFFORTS TO SEEK ETUC ENTRY BY TELLING ETUC UGT HAD NO OBJECTION BUT THAT THERE WERE NUNE DIFFERENT SWC'S INSIDE SPAIN AND ETUC WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO ADMIT NINE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS, EACH USING NAME OF SWC, INTO ETUC. CASTELLANO THEN SUPPLIED ETUC WITH DETAILED LISTING OF EIGHT OTHER SWC'S, IN ADDITION TO MAINSTREAM PCE-DOMINATED SWC. THIS HAD THROWN ISSUE INTO CONFUSION, AND EARNED CASTELLANO EMUNITY OF PCE.

5. COMMENT: USO MEETING WITH MARTIN VILLA WAS SIGNIFICANT AS FIRST ENCOUNTER OF A TOP SSO LEADER WITH REPS OF ANY SPANISH OPPOSITION LABOR GROUP. CONTINUED FOREIGN TRADE UNION VISITS REDOUND TO BENEFIT OF UGT AND USE, ONLY DEMOCRATIC ILLEGAL TRADE UNIONS CAPABLE OF COMPETING AGAINST COMMUNIST-DOMINATED SWC.

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